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BREWER EDDY
Coming from Orient

Northern California is to have the privilege during January and February of a visit by Rev. D. Brewer Eddy, brother of Sherwood Eddy and Secretary of the American Board. Dr. Eddy will land in San Francisco on his return to America from a very fruitful and interesting trip around the world. He will speak in the First Congregational Church of San Francisco on the evening of January 16th, and at an all-day meeting of the ministers of the Bay area on the 17th. He will address the annual meeting of the Women's Federation on the afternoon of the 17th, and the Men's Club of the Sacramento Church the same evening. He will then go to Southern California for some days, returning to our territory on the 31st. He will be at San Jose, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Pittsburg, Martinez, Oakland and Fresno. The exact schedule of his appointments will be published in next month's Pacific. Churches within driving distance of any of the places where he is to appear should plan on sending large delegations.

MURIEL LESTER
Noted London Woman to Address Cacoypa Conference

BAY ASSOCIATION YEARLY MEET FEB. 5

The annual meeting of the Bay Association has been postponed from January 8 to February 5, in order to have as guest and speaker Rev. D. Brewer Eddy of Boston. The meeting will be just for one evening, including dinner and program following. There will be reports from the officers and committees, elections for the coming year, and Dr. Eddy's address. The place will be the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, the date February 5, at 6:30 P. M., and the price of the dinner fifty cents.

CACOYPA CHRISTMAS CONFERENCE

UNUSUAL PROGRAM WITH OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS TO CALL OUT A HOST OF CONGREGATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE

The Christmas Conference of Cacoypa, the California Congregational Young People's Association, will be held at the First Congregational Church of Oakland the first week-end of the new year, January 4th, 5th and 6th.

The faculty will be outstanding. Miss Muriel Lester, founder of Kingsley Hall, London, will be present. She is internationally known for her work in the slums of London and for her contributions to the literature of personal religion.

Rev. Walter John Sherman, D.D., recently returned from several months in Europe, a member of Sherwood Eddy's seminar abroad, will be the Friday night speaker. The challenge and the fast-moving scenes in Germany, Russia, France and England will be presented in a fascinating and authoritative manner by this pastor of the First Methodist Church of Oakland.

Rev. Allan A. Hunter of Los Angeles, nationally known lecturer and writer on student problems, author of "Social Perplexities," speaker at the 1934 Asilomar Y. M. C. A. Conference, will lead a forum and give an address. Mr. Hunter is one of the most thought-provoking of the younger ministers.

The Committee has arranged for a very attractive All-Expense ticket, including registration and all meals from Friday night dinner to Sunday morning breakfast. The entire cost is $1.50, payable at registration. Over-night accommodations will be provided for those young people who live at a distance and who apply in advance. Write Mr. Lawton Harris, First Congregational Church, Oakland.

The program is as follows:

Friday, January 4th:	4:00 P. M.—Registration.
	4:30 to 6:30 P. M.—Seminars.
	6:30 P. M.—Dinner.
	8:00 P. M.—Address, Rev. Walter John Sherman.
	9:00-11:00 P. M.—Recreation.
Saturday, January 5th:	9:00 to 11:00 A. M.—Forum, Rev. Allan Hunter.
	11:00 to 12:00 A. M.—Free time.
	12:00 M.—Luncheon.
	1:00 to 3:00 P. M.—Forum, Miss Muriel Lester.
	3:00 to 3:30 P. M.—Free time.
	3:30 to 5:30 P. M.—Seminars.
	6:30 P. M.—Dinner, Asilomar Rally.
	8:00 P. M.—Address, Miss Muriel Lester.
Sunday, January 6th:	8:15 A. M.—Breakfast.
	9:00 to 10:30 A. M.—Seminars.
	11:00 A. M.—Sermon, Rev. Allan Hunter.
	Close of Conference.

The Committee is confident that a conference of this kind, featuring such internationally known leaders, will attract young people from every section of Northern California. Ministers and counsellors are urged to make this information available to their youth groups, and to lend them every aid toward attendance at this conference. "WE EXPECT 200! ! !"

New Percentages

The General Council meeting at Oberlin last June instructed the Commission on Missions to provide out of the regular apportionment a percentage for the new Council for Social Action, which, together with certain funds already available, will amount to $60,000 a year. The Commission on Missions passed the task on to Rev. Charles E. Burton, Secretary of the General Council, and he has suggested to the various state conferences a readjustment which would carry out the instructions of the Oberlin meeting.

In line with his suggestions, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Northern California Congregational Conference has adopted a schedule for 1935, which is printed below with the percentages in effect in 1934 for purposes of comparison:

	1934	1935
Conference and Home Missionary Society	52%	52%
State Ministers' Relief	3%	3%
Home Board	18%	17%
American Board	27%	25%
Council for Social Action		3%
Total	100%	100%

41 YEARS OF SERVICE

During November, Rev. B. Dent Naylor of Porterville celebrated the forty-first anniversary of his entrance into the ministry and the beginning of his work in the Northern California Congregational Conference. Mr. Naylor has the unusual record of spending his entire ministry in this Conference, being older, in point of years of service, than any other man now in the active pastorate. His record is further distinguished by the fact that he has never been without charge and that he has had just six pastorates.

After preparing for his ministry in England, he came to California to visit with his brother who was living near Martinez. The church at Crockett was vacant, and he began work there on November 19, 1893, and was ordained the following spring. He served the Crockett church two and a half years, then went to Suisun for two years, Grass Valley four years, Hayward fourteen and a half years, Sebastopol thirteen years, and Porterville five years. The Conference office and the Pacific join with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Naylor in all of these parishes, to congratulate them and to wish them many years of continued service and happiness.

SEMINAR SET UP

Believing that the time has come when the Congregational denomination should take leadership in creating a more nearly adequate interest in their body of material for the personal devotional life, the Commission on Evangelism recently decided to set up a seminar on the Pacific Coast. Heretofore the seminars on the Minister and His Message, and on Public Worship have proved to be so helpful that it seemed wise to undertake the formation of another devoted entirely to aids in personal religion. That there is a great need for this work is evidenced by the number of inquiries from laymen and ministers for material which will minister to our people in some such way as Christian Science publications and Unity minister to multitudes. Something has been accomplished in the publication of books of daily devotion, the Fellowship of Prayer, and the outlines of Bible reading for the year appearing in the Congregational Handbook, but it is felt that only a beginning has been made.

Upon the invitation of Rev. Fred L. Fagley, Secretary of the Commission on Evangelism and the Devotional Life, a group of ten ministers were called together for a full day of conference. Some preliminary tasks were outlined and undertaken and plans were made for future meetings. The Conference office will be the depository of materials and the clearing house for correspondence. The group consists of Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, Rev. Miles B. Fisher, Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson, Rev. E. D. Gaylord, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, Rev. Harley H. Gill.

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARDS

At the November meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Directors the following appointments were made for the Conference year:

To the Board of Directors: Rev. J. N. Sauer, Fresno, in place of Mrs. H. M. Smitten, resigned.

Finance Committee: A. W. Moore, C. S. Morse, W. W. Furze, and H. H. Gill.

Benevolence Promotion Committe: N. J. Breed, Mrs. F. J. Greene, Mrs. H. F. Swartz, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, H. S. Mahood, Clarence Reidenbach, J. H. Price, and V. H. Yessayan.

Evangelism Committee: Tom Watt, R. C. Waddell, C. C. Champlin, Godfrey Matthews, J. J. Raugust, E. W. Benedict, and J. H. Bennett.

Religious Education and Young People's Work Committee: E. T. Sherman, R. R. Morgan, Gail Cleland, Dorothy Nelson, Mrs. L. M. Drury, Wilma Conn, E. W. Houlding, Williston Wirt, Lawton Harris, George E. Atkinson, Mrs. J. H. Price.

Appropriations Committee: Benjamin Gould, Jason N. Pierce, and Mrs. C. T. Tinker.

Council of Social Action: Lawrence Wilson, Willard B. Thorp, Norman B. Henderson, E. B. Mead, G. T. Tolson, Norman W. Pendleton, Helen M. Perkins, Mrs. J. M. Burk, and John Olmstead, Sr.

In each case the first named person is the convener of the committee.

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AND TO GODLINESS, BROTHERLY KINDNESS

The Christmas fund of the Board of Ministerial Relief is a sacrament of Christian fellowship, consecrated by the loving devotion of men and women through years of unfailing remembrance. It distributes its blessings not only on Christmas Day, but throughout the year. Cases of acute distress are continually helped; insufficient regular grants are supplemented, and during these depression years ministers without pulpits and often with families of little children to support, have been tided over until they could be re-located. From last year's Christmas Fund, 850 checks were sent out as Christmas remembrances and, in the first ten months of 1934, 432 emergency checks, 143 to families of Congregational and Christian ministers not on the regular roll of the Board.

In the gifts to the Christmas Fund of 1935, 45 states and 1865 Congregational and Christian churches were represented by either individual or group contributions. Massachusetts headed the list with gifts amounting to $13,144. Connecticut and New York came next with $10,530 and $8,453 respectively. New Jersey, Illinois, California, Rhode Island and Ohio were represented by gifts ranging from $2,000 to $5,000. Christmas checks went to every one of these 45 states, and to four foreign countries.

The Christmas Fund of 1934 is vital to the support of our honored Veterans of the Cross. Let all who can possibly do so add to the godliness of their regular benevolences, the brotherly kindness of some gift to the Christmas Fund. Contributions can be sent directly to the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York.

MEETING THE MOVIES

There are 143 points being reached in the Cinema Circuit started and run by Rev. Ray E. Phillips of Johannesburg, South Africa, to give recreational moving pictures in mine compounds. In a recent inquiry carried on for the Cinematographic Institute of the League of Nations, it was discovered that natives were being admitted to commercial motion picture theatres to view such American works of art as Tallulah Bankhead in "My Sin"; Marlene Deitrich in "Blonde Venus"; Constance Bennett in "What Price Hollywood" and Victor McLaglen in "A Devil with Women." Give them time and they will get Mae West, unexpurgated, in "I'm No Angel" or "She Done Him Wrong." What price white prestige! It's a hard battle, adds Mr. Phillips, for these pictures represent about the average run of productions sent overseas and available to non-Europeans in South Africa.

PENITENCE AND THANKSGIVING

The following paragraphs are lifted from a letter written and sent by Rev. Tom Watt of the Park Church, Berkeley, to the members of his parish. It sounds a note exceedingly appropriate for our day.

If there is anything our nation needs today more than all else, it is a sense of its neglect of God. We have been wallowing in a depression which is of our own making. The passion of greed which clutched at the heart of the nation has clutched its individual people. It was manifest in high and low, laborer and capitalist, rich and poor. It was a mad plunge into debt. Now we are paying.

As a nation, and largely as individuals, we have taken the results of our own folly like a lot of spoiled, pampered children. We have whined and pouted because we have been reduced to necessities which would have been luxuries to our fathers. We have neglected the house of God. We have pleaded that it is because we are too poor to share in its finances and have robbed God of that which is of infinitely more value: our worship and the example of our moral support. The same story comes from every quarter of our land. Congregations have never been so small. Every other depression has been the signal for a revival. This one has been an excuse for the abandonment of things that are real and eternal. What inexcusable folly!

Our nation is just as much in need today of a penitent turning to God as old Israel ever was. There is no other healing for her hurt. The only manner for a nation to turn to God is for its people to do so.

Therefore, I am calling you to join me in a day of repentance and prayer. We dare not say that we do not need to repent for our own sins. Nor can we say that we do not need to repent for the sins of the nation for we have shared in them.

CALIFORNIA CHURCH COUNCIL LAUNCHED

On November 9th the California Church Council was launched at a well-attended meeting in Los Angeles. Representatives were present from a large number of churches, and from the various organizations whose interests are to be merged.

The California State Church Federation held a brief annual meeting, at which it was reported that something like $1,500 will need to be provided to take care of the existing obligations, before its affairs can be wound up.

The Councils of Religious Education, both North and South, agreed to the merger, with the understanding that an adequate program of Religious Education should be maintained by the new Council.

Mr. Fred Parr was made president of the Council. Various officers, commissions and committees were appointed. The office of General Secretary was not filled but was referred to the Business Commission with power. Rev. Mr. Mather of Southern California was made Associate General Secretary. His office will be in Los Angeles. The office of the General Secretary, when appointed, will be in San Francisco. The Northern California Congregational Conference was represented at the meeting by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, who, by virtue of his office, is a member of the Council. Other members from our fellowship were unable to be present.

Rev. Ralph W. Bayless, who has been secretary of the California Church Federation, has been called to the Pacific Coast secretaryship of the American Bible Society, succeeding the late Rev. A. W. Mell.

"When your garage man makes a mistake, he adds it on your bill.
When a carpenter makes a mistake, it's just what he expected.
When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference.
When a lawyer makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land.
When a doctor makes a mistake, one sends flowers.
But, when an editor makes a mistake, —**Good night!**"

Quoted from
The Congregational Quarterly.

ELMA PRUETT GIFFEN

Elma Pruett Giffen passed into the other room of the Father's house early in the morning of Saturday, November 24th. For nearly five years she has been an invalid, the large part of the time almost helpless. Her going was a blessed release.

Mrs. Giffen was born in San Diego County and graduated from Pomona College. Following her marriage to Rev. Thomas T. Giffen she spent with him a brief term in China. She was a woman of broad interests and keen intellectual attainments. Always discharging faithfully her duties as daughter, sister, wife and mother, she still found time for a great amount of reading, and for service to church and community. She was a member of the Fresno City School Board, and later was Moderator of the Northern California Congregational Conference.

She is survived by her husband, and by five children, Gordon, Cecile, Jean, Alice and Marion.

Funeral services were conducted at Plymouth Church, Oakland, on Monday, November 26th, by Rev. H. H. Gill, and Rev. O. W. S. McCall.

Order Hand Books Early

THE HAND BOOK FOR 1935 is ready for distribution. The theme for this year's edition is "The Value and Method of Daily Bible Reading," and a "Year's Guide for the Reading of the Bible" has been especially prepared for The Hand Book. The outline is inspirational and devotional and pages of Prayers for Young People, for the Family, and for Grace at Table are also included. You will find in this Hand Book a wealth of material of great value. The "Actions of the General Council" at Oberlin have been summarized and give a concise account of the more important features of that meeting. Every church member should have a copy, or at least there should be a copy in every church home. The price is four cents per copy; in lots of 100 or more, 3 cents per copy. They can be obtained from The Pilgrim Press Bookstores, 19 So. La Salle Street, Chicago, or 14 Beacon Street, Boston; from the office of The Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City, or from the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

ARE WE DOWN-HEARTED? NOT YET!

What a let-down! Just as we had begun to get our courage up because of a gain in receipts for benevolences during the months of September and October, over the same months a year ago, comes a terrific jolt—a wallop one might say. In the month of November, receipts at the Conference office were a full thousand dollars less than in November a year ago, which puts us back to $1800 less, from January to November, 1934, than the same eleven months of 1933. We had begun to believe that the drop had been stopped, and that we might close 1934 with at least as much as 1933. We still believe it can be done, but that $1800 shortage is something to be overcome between now and January 10th. Coats off, sleeves up, courage high and hard work on the final stretch! $10,000 must come in in the next forty days.

	Nov. 1 to Nov. 30 1934	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30 1934	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30 1933
Adin	$ 9.92	$108.11	$105.84
Alameda	109.46	309.16	250.22
Alturas	11.30	24.30	21.50
Angels Camp	.....	45.00	88.00
Antioch	.....	30.36	47.82
Auburn	.....	29.79	18.50
Benicia	.....	27.00	13.00
Berkeley			
First	580.00	6,385.00	6,451.00
North	136.00	543.00	826.68
Park	11.67	68.87	35.35
Campbell	50.00	240.00	300.00
Ceres	.....	52.31	74.66
Cloverdale	3.48	52.76	79.77
Cotati	.....	49.84	64.00
Crockett	.....	98.92	65.11
Eureka	20.00	203.00	93.96
Fairfax	10.00	90.00	85.00
Ferndale	25.00	212.80	282.85
Fowler	.....	10.00	10.00
Fresno			
First	47.11	599.54	159.10
Pilgrim	100.00	109.25	.....
Zion	.....	25.00	25.00
Glen Ellen	.....	1.00	5.00
Hayward	.....	.....	51.15
Kenwood	6.00	27.65	27.28
Likely	.....	1.32	.....
Lodi, First	.....	460.00	592.00
Martinez	.....	32.50	22.10
Murphy	.....	40.00	40.00
Oakland			
Calvary	.....	10.00	.....
First	500.00	4,575.75	5,256.95
Fruitvale	.....	11.00	7.00
Japanese	.....	.....	5.00
Pilgrim	.....	5.00	10.00
Plymouth	75.00	610.75	678.50
Oroville	.....	175.00	80.00
Pacific Grove	63.96	371.41	363.56
Palo Alto	100.00	611.00	1,075.00
Paradise	23.00	93.00	73.00
Pescadero	.....	.....	10.00
Petaluma	.....	589.07	615.88
Pittsburg	20.08	52.58	67.89
Porterville	.....	29.50	15.00
Redw'd City	.....	275.00	435.00
Reedley,			
Finnish	9.00	23.00	.....
Rio Vista	.....	.....	5.00
Ripon	5.00	62.50	55.00
Sacramento	.....	477.50	606.45
Salida	.....	20.00	32.00
San Carlos	.....	35.00	5.00
San Francisco			
Bethany-Msn. Pk.	85.29	332.92	308.30
Calvary			
Armenian	.....	.....	10.00
First	94.32	809.70	1,147.05
Ocean View	12.05	34.05	26.00
Richmond	12.00	21.50	54.00
San Jose	50.00	690.00	728.95
San Leandro	3.50	158.93	44.44
San Mateo	10.00	10.00	.....
San Rafael	.....	31.50	.....
Santa Cruz	.....	570.00	611.00
Santa Rosa	13.93	163.49	160.04
Saratoga	200.00	425.00	350.00
Sebastopol	15.11	186.33	130.81
Sonoma	.....	37.15	65.00
Soquel	.....	43.00	20.00
Stockton	71.67	608.50	897.85
Suisun	.....	47.00	40.00
Sunnyvale	.....	6.50	17.70
Sunol	.....	30.00	.....
Tulare	85.00	270.00	230.31
Weaverville	.....	83.77	48.75
Woodside	.....	36.50	104.50
Reno, Nev.	30.10	267.46	294.43
Misc.	33.50	347.35	413.45
	$2,632.45	$23,114.19	$24,933.70

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OAKLAND, FIRST. Here is a sample schedule of the Sunday services provided by this great church for its members and attendants of all ages:

9:45 A. M.—Graded Church School Departments and classes for all ages.
9:45 A. M.—Adult Forum
10:00 A. M.—Adult Bible Class
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
11:00 A. M.—Church-time school for children 4 to 8 years of age
11:00 A. M.—School Church for children 8 to 12 years of age.
6:30 P. M.—High School Forum
6:30 P. M.—Mayflower Club for older high school students and college freshmen.
6:45 P. M.—Senior Forum
7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship

CALAVERAS COUNTY. A good many young men from the C.C.C. camps are attending the Young People's Society at Murphy's. The Junior Christian Endeavor Society, under the leadership of Mrs. Corbin, is most promising. The primary department of the Angels Camp Church has also been taken over by Mrs. Corbin and separated from the older group. A visitation committee has been appointed to spend one afternoon a week calling at the homes of Protestants. A new mimeograph has been purchased for weekly church bulletins and circulars. Rev. Glenn H. Corbin is the pastor.

ADIN. Congregations have almost doubled in the past two months. A fine organization of thirty young people has been formed. Services of worship have been resumed at Lookout, and some progress is being made by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Monosmith, with the people at Bieber. The community building at Nubieber is under construction and will be completed soon. This will furnish an adequate meeting place for the Sunday school.

KENWOOD. The Women's Mite Society makes a substantial contribution monthly to the pastor's salary, and pays taxes on the parsonage property, besides making other gifts of money to the trustees. This is a splendid record for a society of only twenty-four members. Interesting programs are presented at the monthly teas. Mrs. F. O. Butler is president of the Society.

COTATI. A community Thanksgiving dinner was held on Monday evening before Thanksgiving, which was one of the finest affairs that has taken place in the past two years. All of the active members of the community were given personal invitations by the church. About two hundred people attended the annual bazaar. Mr. Milton G. Gabrielson is the pastor.

BERKELEY, PARK. "Sixty Miles in Thirty Minutes" was the sermon subject of Rev. Tom Watt on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. Postcards, letters and telegrams of congratulation poured in, and the young people gave their friend and pastor a happy surprise.

SAN MATEO. Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached in the church the last Sunday of November. At the close of the service the pastor, Rev. George E. Brown, made an earnest appeal to the congregation for benevolences of the church. A budget, just under $8,000, for the coming year has been adopted.

RIPON. One unit of the building has been re-roofed and the interior is in process of redecoration. Three new members were received into the church by letter during November. Rev. E. L. Spuller is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. The seven-week Loyalty Crusade has proven to be a genuine success, resulting in the advance of a fall pick-up of at least four weeks. All goals of attendance set for the church, the Sunday school, and all auxiliary organizations have been reached and passed. A fine group of new members was received into the church Thanksgiving Sunday. The Fall Festival, held the first week of November, was patronized by over a thousand people.

The pastor of this church, Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, addressed a mass meeting on November 2nd at the Exposition Auditorium in San Francisco, attended by over 14,000 people. The other speakers were Dr. E. F. Townsend of Long Beach and Kathleen Norris.

FAIRFAX. Instead of the usual sermon on Thanksgiving Sunday, testimonies of thankfulness were given by many persons in the congregation. Testimonies from children of the junior age were touching in their brevity and sincerity. Rev. James W. Price commends this type of service to other churches. During October and November, four sermons on the social gospel were preached. Services were conducted by Mr. Price at San Quentin Prison on December 2nd.

PETALUMA. R. H. Chamberlain, Assistant District Attorney of Alameda County, was guest speaker at the Men's Club. A discussion of law enforcement followed his address. Mrs. J. B. Littler was elected president of the Women's Service Club for the fourth consecutive year. Dr. Jason Noble Pierce of San Francisco will be guest speaker at the annual dinner. Rev. R. C. Waddell is pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE. In ten months' time the Women's Association has reached its goal for the year of paying off the $450 note at the bank. This is in addition to the regular expenses of the society. Miss Mary Hunter, daughter of the pastor, Rev. John H. Hunter, told at the November missionary meeting of her work in the Cameroon District of Africa. Both men and women were in attendance.

SANTA ROSA. Several splendid speakers have been presented by the church at the Sunday evening forum during the month of November. The forum will be discontinued during the holidays but will be resumed the middle of January. A group of young people has been gathered by the pastor, Rev. Westwood Wallace.

OAKLAND, CALVARY. Preparations are under way for a Christmas Tree party and a special musical program. A new group of older young people has been formed and helpful every-day topics are discussed. The women of the church have been busy in preparing for the bazaar. Mr. Cyril M. Hicks is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Eighty fathers and sons were present at a dinner recently, with Dr. Jason Noble Pierce as the speaker. The pastor, Rev. Horton R. Colbert, preached at Benicia, a former pastorate, one Sunday in November, Dr. John W. Buckham substituting for him.

OAKLAND PLYMOUTH. Work on repairing the roofs and gutters of the entire plant is being completed, the cost of which is cared for by the Women's League. Three hundred and seventy persons participated in the Loyalty Dinner.

SAN FRANCISCO, First. In spite of drenching rain, 221 came to the annual dinner, and still others gathered for the meeting following. The clerk reported 106 new members and four reinstated, with ten dismissed and ten lost by death, or a net gain of 90, with a present membership of 632. Gains were reported in benevolences and current expense offerings, but the church closed the year with a deficit. It is freely predicted that with the increase of interest the coming year will show a balanced budget and real progress in all departments.

Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, preached the Thanksgiving sermon at the union service of the downtown churches.

LODI. Forty young people between the ages of 20 and 30 are now meeting every two weeks for social purposes. A class is being established in connection with the church school for the study of religious problems. Homecoming and Loyalty Enlistment Sunday, using the Chest of Joash, will take the place of the regular Every-Member canvass in the church this year. The membership is being divided into 16 groups for friendly rivalry in church attendance, the record of which will be posted by name in the foyer. Credit is given to those who bring strangers and have them registered. Rev. E. T. Sherman is the pastor.

EUREKA. Three awards, each consisting of a year's subscription to the Missionary Herald, were given to those who had the best record in the deposit of pennies in the Cent-a-Meal boxes, at the first opening of the boxes. Two persons had 147 pennies each and one 146, which was practically a perfect record as there had been 147 meals between the time the boxes had been given out and the opening. Rev. C. H. Hudson is the pastor.

ALAMEDA. One hundred and eighty-five people were present on Loyalty Sunday, the members and friends of the church depositing their pledges for the coming year in the "Chest of Joash." It was an inspiring service. In preparation for this Sunday six neighborhood meetings were held under the leadership of lay people. Rev. Gail Cleland is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. The Christian Endeavor Society of this church recently won a beautiful silver cup in competition with all other Christian Endeavor groups of Sonoma County. Rev. George E. Atkinson is pastoral counsellor for the coming year.

West Bay Cacopya Notes

West Bay Cacoypa has had two outstanding events in the past two months. The first, in September, was an evening with Dr. Vincent E. Wagner, who, prior to his return to the United States, had been a project of the young people, hence a particularly welcome guest. The second was an October institute on the theme, "What Youth is Up Against." Speakers for the institute were Messrs. John Titsworth of the Y. M. C. A., and Carl Basch of the Continuation High School. The latter presented problems needing especial attention at this time, namely: "What to do with Leisure Time," and "How to Get Along with People," ranging from associates to nations. Mr. Titsworth presented "Opportunities to Youth," whose chief barrier is the little word "if"—if youth is willing to pay the price. The entertaining societies were Calvary Armenian and the United Church of the Mission.

MODOC INDIANS IN NEED

Mrs. Amy Jarman of Alturas writes that there is great need for used clothing on the part of the Indians, and that the gifts from the churches have not been coming in very rapidly. She reports that with the income from the special Indian fund, which is provided by the Conference, the Indian children were fitted out for school. Shoes especially are needed, and of course toys to help make a cheery Christmas. The only source of clothing for the Indian women is that which is sent by the churches. A long list is waiting for shoes and stockings. Not a few are practically barefoot in the snow and cold, and it has rained and snowed intermittently for two weeks. The Indian agent is unable to secure Government help. There is little work available for the Indians. The women of the Alturas church are visiting regularly and showing great interest. Boxes and packages should be sent prepaid to Rev. J. K. Ballou, Alturas.

Fred B. Smith Expected

Sometime during the month of February, Mr. Fred B. Smith, formerly Moderator of the Council of Congregational Churches, and now the chairman of the Executive Committee, will be in Northern California. His time will be limited, and he is booked up pretty closely. He is to preach at the First Congregational Church of San Francisco on February 10th. Many of his friends will doubtless want to avail themselves of the opportunity of meeting him.

What a Man!

Qualifications demanded for a city pastor in modern world,—
The strength of an ox,
The tenacity of a bulldog,
The daring of a lion,
The patience of a donkey,
The industry of a beaver,
The versatility of a chameleon,
The vision of an eagle,
The melody of a nightingale,
The meekness of a lamb,
The hide of a rhinoceros,
The disposition of an angel,
The resignation of an incurable,
The loyalty of an apostle,
The heroism of a martyr,
The faithfulness of a prophet,
The tenderness of a shepherd,
The fervency of an evangelist,
The devotion of a mother.
—Dr. George Cable Moore, in Churchman.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 4-5-6—Christmas conference of Cacoypa (California Congregational Young People's Ass'n), First Congregational Church, Oakland.

January 17-18—Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

January 20-24—Mid-Winter Meetings, Evanston, Illinois.

February 5—Annual Meeting of Bay Association of Congregational Churches, First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

February 11-14—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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No executive Board meeting in December. The Annual Meeting of the Women's Federation will be held Thursday and Friday, January 17-18, 1935, at Plymouth Church, Oakland.

INSPIRING DEVOTIONAL

Every meeting of the Executive Board has its highlights. The one of November 15 was no exception. The beautiful service, conducted by Mrs. Harley H. Gill, on the theme of Peter's walking on the sea to Jesus at the Master's word of command, "Come!", was the spiritual highlight of the day. All will be glad to know that this service will be printed and made available to all.

Social Action Groups

A Social Action Group in every church is the hope of Mrs. J. M. Burk, the Social Relations Secretary. Suggested subjects are: Community Problems in regard to Relief; The Munitions Inquiry; Disarmament; Race Relations; Social Insurance—Mother's Pension's, Old Age Pensions, Health Insurance; the Alcohol Problem; Industrial Conditions. There are many others. Quoting Dr. H. C. Herring, "The Council for Social Action seeks to start from a sober reading of the human situation in which the nation finds itself, and build its program thereon." We read the record and find that people are hungry, that people are afraid—of being without a job, of sickness, of old age; that the industrial worker demands justice; that the farmer is rebellious; that people are listening increasingly to the counsels of despair; that people fear war. The Council believes "that the great numbers of men and women making up our churches wish to share in any movement which looks toward the application of the clear principles of Jesus to the grave injustices and cruelties inherent in our society." How can our local churches better gear into the life of the whole church, to work for the higher social values of humanity, than first by informing themselves of the present conditions and then by helping to work out remedies?

SHARING THE CRUST

"So long as we have bread in our homes we shall share it with our pastors so that our churches may be kept open." This from South Dakota where the tragedy of the depression was followed by crop failure, plague of grasshoppers, and dust storms which so eroded the rich lands that agricultural experts say it will take 20 or 30 years for new soil to be made. In spite of these conditions, while the giving of the churches throughout the nation dropped twenty-two percent, in South Dakota it dropped only thirteen percent, the lowest decrease of any state. Such determination of Christian people to preserve the church and the spiritual things of life for themselves and their children is most heartening. Other encouraging facts were brought by Mrs. Chester Marliave, Home Secretary.

Mrs. Gail Cleland, the Literature Chairman, recommends three books for helpful reading: "The Lord's Annointed," by Ruth McFee, a story of the early missionaries in Hawaii, suitable for a book review; "Stars Fell on Alabama," by Carl Carmer, a Southern story; and "The Bible in the Making," by Patterson Smyth.

"Thy Kingdom Come"

The foundation of the Why and How of Missions is found in the prayer phrase, "Thy Kingdom Come." Mrs. James Hazlett, the Foreign Secretary, cleverly used alliteration in bringing to us some foreign features, transforming them into family faces and familiar phrases. We saw the face of Frances Clapp, and learned that "the splendid earthquake-proof Fowler Chapel did not register a quiver in the typhoon of September 21." We saw the working Wilburs in China; the Lloyd Lorbeers in India, stressing "Love-filled Living," where, in the chapel hour, the classes in religion, the daily acts of service, they and the many native Christians are cooperating to answer the prayer phrase, "Thy Kingdom Come." In the Phillippines we saw Alice Towne, who believes that in the Islands a "solid Protestant front on the basis of self-support, even as the Catholics have, will answer this prayer. Brief glimpses of Bertha Allen being greeted by old friends as she arrived at Foochow, of Lucille Day, of Edith Parsons, and of other family faces were given us. These and hosts of others are working and praying for "Thy Kingdom Come."

"MERCHANTS OF DEATH"

"Merchants of Death" was discussed by Mrs. C. J. Hawkins, and in her own words the following paragraphs summarize it:

"We are confronted with the most appalling and most unbelievable facts in the new 1934 publication of Dodd, Mead, and Company, 'Merchants of Death.' And the very fact that the authors, Dr. Engelbrecht and Mr. Hanighen, have marshalled their facts in such a dispassionate, calm way, has made them all the more convincing.

"They tell us that every American who enlisted in the World War with that idealistic promise of 'saving the world for Democracy' and who lost his life, was killed 'needlessly;' that every man, regardless of his nationality, in the war, who was killed from the spring of 1917 until Armistice Day, 1918, was slaughtered ruthlessly. And why? Briey and Dombasle is the answer. These two spots, rich in iron deposits, with smelters going full blast night and day, provided both France and Germany who occupied them, with ammunition.

"While cities, cathedrals, and libraries were blown to bits, not a bomb was allowed to fall on these two great sources of death to soldiers and of untold profit to their owners. Military authorities of many countries furnish this illuminating if disillusioning information.

"In this book, patriotic organizations, so called, are shown in their true light, shorn of all their regalia, and mouthing meaningless words while accepting huge bribes and lobbying for armament manufacturers in Washington, D. C., to obstruct legislation of the United States Government.

"Read the book carefully. The foreword, of little value in most books, is most suggestive in this. Dr. Engelbrecht, one of the authors, expects to be in Berkeley in March, 1935, on a speaking engagement."

FIVE GOALS AND HOW TO REACH THEM

The material in this column is furnished by the Congregational Education Society and edited by Rev. R. R. Morgan, under the direction of the Conference Committee on Religious Education. A similar column of practical suggestions is planned for each month.

No church will get far with its religious education program unless it plans carefully and has in mind some special points of emphasis. A good religious education program does not just happen. Here are five points which every church may well take into account.

1. Christ in the Home. The forty-four Protestant denominations working together in the International Council of Religious Education have taken as their emphasis for the year 1934-35 the place of the home in the total Christian education program. In carrying out this emphasis classes for parents, meetings of parents and teachers, special training courses, family week and home night are a few of the opportunities.

2. A Planned Curriculum. Churches are finding it more difficult these days to choose courses which will meet the needs of pupils, be found usable by the teachers, teach the Bible and face the issues of present-day living. Some churches follow one particular series of courses; closely graded, group graded, etc. Others select courses from several series. This latter policy places a great responsibility for the curriculum. There is grave danger of greatly disorganized teaching program. Be sure you know your goals and select courses which will meet them.

3. Social Issues. In these days great national and world problems are demanding understanding on the part of the church and a place in its educational program. Careful consideration should be given to materials and methods of teaching **world friendship and peace, temperance, and social relations.** Supplementary and enrichment helps should be placed in the hands of every teacher.

4. The Pilgrim Fellowship. A great movement is under way among our Congregational and Christian young people. In the interest of working together to build a new world, local societies and classes, whatever their name or particular program, are finding fellowship and inspiration in this new movement.

5. "Every Leader in Training!" The kind of educational program which takes these other four emphases seriously, cannot succeed with indifferent and untrained teachers and leaders. Training classes meeting each week, for present and prospective teachers, good workers' conferences meeting monthly or oftener, plans for delegates to summer schools, reading and study by correspondence are a few of the ways of developing more effective leaders.

Each of these five points needs study and work to carry it forward. There are helpful materials in form of leaflets, pamphlets, books, and magazines which tell how each point may be developed. Write to the Congregational Education Society now and get a good start upon the year's work.

Soon after the typhoon left death and destruction in Japan a cable came from the National Christian Council of China which read: "Christians in China send sympathy national disaster." When Dr. Kagawa visited Shanghai in the late spring he displayed a Christian humility and understanding heart in his message to the Chinese Christian community. In the preface of his book, "Love, the Law of Life," Dr. Kagawa said, "It costs me intolerable shame to reflect upon the violence Japanese militarism has done and is doing in China in spite of all my prayers."

Mrs. Anna L. Gillman, who for nine years has been office secretary for the Conference and associate editor of the PACIFIC, is no longer to serve in these capacities. The period of recovery from the very serious accident of last summer has been prolonged beyond expectation, and is still very uncertain in length. Her many friends will be sorry to know that she will not be in the employ of the Conference, and will wish her well in any future field of endeavor. The PACIFIC desires to acknowledge with gratitude her years of service and her loyalty.

"AND THE MELODY LINGERS ON"

We sometimes speak of the lives of people as "fragrant," "bright," "colorful," "melodious," trying by the language of the senses to describe the values of personality.

Truly there are lives that are melodious, whose influence is like that of music rich and fine, remaining long after the notes are stilled.

There is one very practical but effective way by which our thoughts, interests, prayers, desires and influence may be perpetuated.

The institutions which we believe in and which we love will need and profit by our financial support after we are gone as they do today.

The Conference representing the fellowship of churches furnishes a means whereby our good works may live after us.

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